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Dennis:
Please hold this rifle for reply.
Thank You.
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Mr. Ken Stoffel
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Dear Mr. Stoffel:

Examination has been completed on the Model 700 BDL 30-06 caliber rifle, serial number B6260707, which you returned to us because "when the bolt was being locked down the gun fired" and "took the safety off and the gun fired".

The returned firearm, which was produced in February of 1981, has been thoroughly examined by our firearms experts who report that it contained our high-pressure proof test, gallery test, and final inspection stampings, indicating that it had successfully passed all our necessary tests prior to shipment.

The general condition appeared to be "as new", and it was noted that a scope mount had been added after it had originally left our factory. In going over the individual parts, we found the head-space, recoil shoulders, and chamber all to be normal.

Examination of the rifle and trigger assembly could not duplicate the malfunctions that were described. All parts tolerances and dimensions were found to be normal, including sear-connector engagement. Factory seals were intact on the trigger adjustment screws, indicating no alterations were made outside our factory. However, our examination did disclose an accumulation of oil on the bolt stop release and trigger assembly.

Based on our findings, Remington Arms Company, Inc., cannot accept any liability or responsibility for the incidents. We can only assume that the oil accumulation, under the right circumstances, caused the internal trigger parts to hang-up and resulted in the accidental discharge. The Model 700 trigger mechanism is designed not to require any lubrication, and care should be taken to avoid oil or powder solvent getting into the mechanism.

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